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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- (a) My residence and Citizenship are as stated below my name. My P.O. (mailing) address is the same as my residence unless otherwise stated.
- (b) I verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter that is embraced by and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHOD FOR JOINING PIPING SYSTEMS AND PIPING TO EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, DEVICES, STRUCTURES, AND APPLIANCES** and the specification of which: ☐ is attached hereto (____).
(check one) ☒ was filed on August 13, 2004 as (63119A).
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and was amended on _____

- (c) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
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US or PCT Appln. Serial No.	Filing Date	Status at Application Filing Date
<u>60/494,723</u>	<u>August 13, 2003</u>	<u>Pending</u>
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